

CATTLE ON FEED

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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 9 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.52 million head on March 1, 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 9 percent from the 11.52 million head on March 1, 2002 and 10 percent below March 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 8 percent below 2002 but 5 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.59 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 263,000, 600-699 pounds were 376,000, 700-799 pounds were 597,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 421,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2002 and 1 percent below 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 71,000 during February, 13 percent above 2002 but 12 percent below 2001.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2002-2003 ^{1/}**

State	Mar 1, 2002	Feb 1, 2003	Mar 1, 2003		
			Number	as % of 2002	as % of Feb
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	310	291	279	90	96
CA	475	475	470	99	99
CO	1,150	1,030	990	86	96
ID	315	285	280	89	98
IA	400	360	360	90	100
KS	2,420	2,220	2,240	93	101
NE	2,300	2,220	2,190	95	99
NM	109	*114	112	103	98
OK	345	*330	320	93	97
SD	210	215	215	102	100
TX	2,850	*2,600	2,560	90	98
WA	229	180	180	79	100
Oth Sts	405	340	325	80	96
US	11,518	*10,660	10,521	91	99

* Revised.

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2002-2003**

State	During Feb 2002	During Jan 2003	During Feb 2003		
			Number	as % of 2002	as % of Jan
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	26	29	22	85	76
CA	55	58	54	98	93
CO	190	*225	170	89	76
ID	58	56	50	86	89
IA	57	69	58	102	84
KS	435	540	410	94	76
NE	370	480	330	89	69
NM	12	*9	11	92	122
OK	55	*51	46	84	90
SD	45	53	40	89	75
TX	410	*420	370	90	88
WA	43	36	31	72	86
Oth Sts	54	75	65	120	87
US	1,810	*2,101	1,657	92	79

* Revised.

United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

Million Head

